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SUBJ: COM ARMORED VEHICLE

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- 1. DURING RECENT INSPECTION OF COM FULLY ARMORED CHEVROLET, BOTH REAR AXLE BEARINGS AND DIFFERENTIAL GEARS FOUND WORN TO CRITICAL POINT. TRANSMISSION FOUND LEAKING OIL AND IS REPORTEDLY MAKING NOISE DURING VEHICLE OPERATION. VEHICLE ENGINE IS ALSO EXPERIENCING REPEATED OVERHEATING. U.S. AND LOCAL MECHANICS RECOMMEND ENTIRE AXLE ASSEMBLY BE REPLACED ASAP.
- 2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, STRONGLY RECOMMEND COM VEHICLE BE REPLACED ASAP WITH REBUILT OR NEW FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE. NECESSARY EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE BEING MADE TO KEEP COM VEHICLE ON ROAD UNTIL REPLACEMENT CAN BE PROVIDED. PLEASE ADVISE.
- 3. ON AUGUST 12, 1975, RIGHT REAR TIRE ON COM ARMORED CHEVY HAD BLOWOUT WHILE VEHICLE BEING DRIVEN AT EXCESSIVE RATE OF SPEED. TIRE HAD BEEN ON VEHICLE APPROXIMATELY 7,000 MILES (TEN MONTHS). A SECOND TIRE ON VEHICLE HAD DEVELOPED SURFACE SPLITS ON THE TREAD THE ENTIRE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE TIRE. THIS POSSIBILY OCCURRED AFTER CONTACT WITH FENDER DURING A MINOR ACCIDENT IN EARLY 1975. THE RIM OF THE THIRD TIRE HAS DEVELOPED ROUGH EDGES AND THE WHITE WALL BAND IS SEPARATING FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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